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Independent building for the Government Institute of Commerce.

* 485 Q.—Mr. C. Gopala Menon: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) what steps have been taken to provide the Government Institute of Commerce with an independent building; and

(b) how long this Institute has been in working in Madras and whether the Government have any idea of re-organizing it?

A.—(a) A site on the Esplanade for the construction of a building for the Government Institute of Commerce has been chosen and provision has been made in the current year's budget for a beginning to be made in the construction of the building.

(b) The Government Institute of Commerce was opened on 3rd September 1918. No proposal for the re-organization of the Institute is under consideration.

Vernaculars as medium of instruction in high schools.

* 486 Q.—Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Government have taken any and if so, what steps to encourage the imparting of instruction in all non-language subjects through the medium of the vernaculars in all high schools in the Presidency?

A.—A circular has been issued to managers of schools informing them that they are at liberty to choose either English or vernacular as the medium of instruction in Forms IV, V and VI of high schools. Question papers in non-language subjects at the S.S.L.C. Public examination are set both in English and in the vernacular languages.

Committee appointed by Government to consider the problem of physical education.

* 487 Q.—Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) what are the names of the members of the Committee appointed by the Government to consider the problem of physical education in the Presidency in accordance with the resolution passed in the Council on 24th January 1928; and

(b) whether the committee has submitted any report; if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place it on the table of the House?

A.—(a) The names of the members of the committee appointed by the Government to report on physical education in secondary schools for boys are as follow:—

(1) The hon. Mr. Justice H. O. C. Beasley, *President.*
(2) Mr. H. O. Kershaw, Inspector of European Schools.
(3) Mr. S. E. Ranganathan, Additional Professor of English, Presidency College, Madras.
(4) M.R.Ry. C. Ramaswami Nayudu Garu, Assistant Director of Agriculture, Bellary.

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(5) Mr. H. F. Saunders, Acting Additional Deputy Director of Public Instruction, Madras.
(6) Mr. H. C. Buck, Physical Adviser to Government.
(7) Mr. R Foulkes, O.B.E., M.L.C., President, District Board, Madura.
(8) M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu Garu, M.L.C., President, District Board, Chittoor.
(9) Janab Abdul Hye Sahib Bahadur, M.L.C.
(10) The Rev. A. R. Penn, St. John's College, Palamcottah.
(11) M.R.Ry. A. B. Shetty Avargal, M.L.C.
(12) ,, R. S. Ramachandra Rao Avargal, Headmaster, Samasthanam High School, Bobbili.
(13) G. T. J. Thaddaeus, B.A., one of the Organizing Secretaries of the Boy Scouts Association, Madras.
(14) Lt. C. K. Lakshmanan, I.M.S., St. Thomas Mount.
(15) The District Educational Officer, Madras (to be also the Secretary to the committee).

(b) The committee has not yet submitted its report. The question of placing it on the table of the House will be considered after its receipt.

Acquisition of land for extending the Lady Willingdon Training College.

*488 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) when proposals for the acquisition of land for extension of the Lady Willingdon Training College were received;

(b) when the boundaries of the land needed for the purpose were fixed and by whom; and

(c) the stage at which the matter now is?

A.—(a) In 1926.

(b) In 1927—By the Collector of Madras in consultation with the Director of Public Instruction.

(c) The site selected for the college forms part of the fishing village acquired by Government in connexion with the Marina hospital scheme which has since been abandoned. The original owners are still in occupation of the site and steps are being taken to provide them with lands elsewhere. When this is done, the site will become available for the college.

Deputy and sub-inspectors of schools in South Kanara and some other districts.

*489 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of deputy and sub-inspectors of schools in the Educational department in each of the districts of South Kanara, Malabar, Coimbatore, Nilgiris and Salem;

(b) how many of them have been appointed from among Indian Christians—
(1) Roman Catholics, and
(2) Protestants during the last five years; and

(c) how many applications from Indian Christians were received for such posts and were refused?